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Irving Elementary School (K-5), Bozeman, Montana
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Irving was awarded \$5,000 this year from the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant to continue their edible school yard efforts. Prior to the grant, the school had a fruit orchard on the playground, but this additional money will help their edible playground grow even more. A group of dedicated parents worked hard over the summer to build six raised garden beds (one for each grade level) and is currently working with the Montana State University Department of Architecture, to design a greenhouse. The goal is to create an outside classroom, teach kids about healthy eating, grow their own food, insect pollination, and more.

Chief Joseph Middle School, Bozeman, Montana
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With a new orchard on their playground, thanks to the efforts of The One Million Ways Club, a group of dedicated students at Chief Joseph has committed to making the world a better place. The students applied for a Community Food Co-op 4% Day Grant, a program in which the Co-op gives 4 percent of its total sales (on the fourth Friday of every month) to a local organization or business whose mission is in line with theirs. The students received about \$1,800 from the grant to purchase trees. Located on the school's new grounds, the orchard is made up of 14 trees, including apple, plum and cherry.

Emily Dickinson Elementary School (K-5), Bozeman, Montana
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The idea for a school garden came about in 1999 to give kids in increasingly urban Bozeman a place to connect with nature. From then on, work began on a native plant garden and an outdoor learning center. The results are now a 10,000 square-foot garden with more than 200 native trees and shrubs, perennials, a fountain, and a pond. As a result of the garden, Emily Dickinson now has a student-gardener program, lessons in composting, annual bird counts and a grade-specific garden curriculum.

Hyalite Elementary, Bozeman, Montana

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This brand new elementary school in Bozeman has already begun planning for a school garden. Students in each grade are currently writing proposals to create garden plots at the new school.

Hawthorne Elementary School, Bozeman, Montana

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Parents, teachers and student groups met in the spring of 2009 and discussed the logistics of the “Green Team” composting program and what each group would need to do to make it happen. Students were educated about composting and the use of live worms and composting to promote sustainability. The composting station will be fully incorporated in the spring of 2010.

Gallatin Gateway School (K-8), Gallatin Gateway, Montana

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Gallatin Gateway’s sole school aims to teach about gardening across the entire curriculum. The 150 sq. foot heated greenhouse is used to teach about plant propagation, plant growth, economics, math and science for grades K-8.

Monforton School (K-8), Bozeman, Montana

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Monforton School outside of Bozeman, MT is working hard to make a school garden a reality. Monforton’s wellness committee is collaborating with the local 4-H, who has offered to provide garden maintenance, to get the project up and running by summer 2010.

Middle Creek Montessori, Bozeman, Montana

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Middle Creek Montessori is conveniently surrounded by nature-inside and out. Many classrooms feature live plants and indoor aquariums as well as an indoor greenhouse. Outdoors, students find a large classroom garden, as well as school pets including chickens, goats, and sheep. Middle Creek’s mission, to nurture each child’s innate drive to explore, discover, and achieve, is fostered by the wonderful indoor and outdoor opportunities available!

Park County (Livingston)

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Livingston School District, Livingston, Montana

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Livingston School District is working with Mark Rehder of Farms for Families and Future Farmers of America to start a school garden. Through collaboration with agriculture and science teachers as well as food service director Dan Hardy, raised beds are currently in place and students will begin planting fruits and vegetables in them this spring. Dan has also been buying local food from Farms for Families and is using it in the school menu. The next step will be to formally establish a committee of teachers to make core decisions about the Farm-to-School programs, goals and methodology for this type of Project-based Learning.

Washington School, LINKS for Learning, Livingston, Montana

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LINKS for Learning is the after-school program of the Livingston School District, serving grades K-5 after school and in the summer. The programs take place at Washington School (formerly an elementary school – now used for LINKS and Adult Education) but serve all of Livingston. Last year a school garden project was implemented by removing the sod from an area of the playground and turning it into a lovely organic garden. The children planned, planted, tended, harvested and ate from the garden. A greenhouse is in the process of being added and extends the growing season. The Growing Classroom – Garden and Nutrition Activity Guide (Life Lab, inc.) is used to guide the studies and activities.

Park High, Livingston, Montana

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Currently, Park High School has a greenhouse which features gardens and hydroponics. Plans are in place to add a community garden this spring that can be used by the high school cafeteria. In the event of expanded funding, installation of a processing facility for local schools will also be implemented near the high school.

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Greenfield Elementary School (PK-6), Fairfield, Montana

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Chinook School District, Chinook, Montana
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EASTERN MONTANA

Columbus School features an 18 X 20' greenhouse with annual bedding plants and hanging baskets. The greenhouse is equipped with vent and circulation fans, a natural gas heater, and a domestic fertilizer injector. It provides a hands-on learning experience for students, and is used by a wide variety of classes such as the 8th grade plant unit and occasional experiments for the SAE project. However, the horticulture class takes on much of the responsibility, operating it like a commercial greenhouse with a sales and marketing component included.

Custer School utilizes a greenhouse for teaching plant science to 7th graders and also for teaching greenhouse management to high school juniors.

Fromberg School District has a greenhouse which is 48' 8" long and 18' 7" wide and is used for growing flowers and fresh veggies. Products are then sold to the community in the spring.

Sidney High School features a student built 20' X 40' greenhouse located on the south shop's exterior wall with a door opening to the shop area. The shed-shaped

greenhouse was constructed in 1997, and is used by the Agriculture Education Department and the Special Needs Department.

Melstone High School, Melstone, Montana

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The Melstone Agriculture Education Program operates a greenhouse project every year as a fundraiser for their Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter in conjunction with the horticulture portion of the curriculum. This year, a full class of 13 students is dedicated to the operation of the greenhouse. The program has also partnered with the Melstone community garden, with garden beds that were finished toward the end of summer 2009, and food was available at the local farmer's market. The 2010 spring plant sale will feature everything from tomato and other vegetable plants to ornamental plants from the greenhouse.

Glendive School, Glendive, Montana

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Glendive School is partnering with the Boy's and Girl's Clubs this spring to get kids out to the community garden and do hands-on food and gardening activities.

Canyon Creek School, Billings, Montana

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Yellowstone Valley Citizens' Council, an affiliate of Northern Plains Resource Council, is working to start a vegetable garden at Canyon Creek School (K-8) in Yellowstone County.

Bench Elementary, Billings, Montana

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Bench Elementary, Billings Heights, has a native plant learning garden.

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NORTHWEST MONTANA

Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana

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Salish Kootenai College has a school garden and is expanding the gardening activities on campus and within the community with four other gardens. They are constructing a

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Project: Missoula BEANS (Blending Education, Agriculture, Nutrition in Schools) a Project of Garden City Harvest

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Missoula's Garden City Harvest's Community Education Program runs five school gardens in partnership with each school. Following are details about the five school gardens.

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Willard Alternative High School, Missoula, Montana

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Willard has a medium-sized garden with raised beds, fruit trees, berries, a small greenhouse, and a composting operation. Missoula's Garden City Harvest helped develop the garden in 2008.

Meadow Hill Middle School, Missoula, Montana

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Meadow Hill has a large hybrid school garden/community garden with plots for community members and the Flagship Program. With the help of Garden City Harvest, which helps schools develop and maintain school gardens here in Missoula in partnership with the Flagship Program and the MCPS, the garden was established in 2003. In addition, this spring Spanish teacher Kimberly Olson will be adding a Spanish garden onto the original plot.

Washington Middle School, Missoula, Montana

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Washington has a small garden (only about 800 or so square feet) that has recently been revived through the work of faculty, Flagship, and Garden City Harvest.

Lowell Elementary School Helping Hands Garden, Missoula, Montana

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Lowell's school garden was built in the spring of 2009 and is the most integrated of Missoula's school gardens. Through grants and creative fundraising Lowell has been able to hire a half-time garden coordinator to help students and teachers use the garden effectively as an outdoor classroom.

DeSmet School, Missoula, Montana
Contact: Mike Syverson-Principal

DeSmet, a school composing its own school district separate from Missoula County Public Schools, began the creation of a school garden in 2008. The garden was started by a group of social work students from the University of Montana, who raised the money via benefit concerts and local business donations. The garden is supported by a three year grant for summer programs, which DeSmet received in 2008. The garden was created with help from the local community garden nonprofit Garden City Harvest and their garden curriculum expert.

Additional Western Montana School Gardens in Missoula, Ravalli, Musselshell and Powell Counties

Big Sky High School, Missoula, Montana
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Big Sky High School has received funding to build two raised garden beds, which they hope to make into hoop houses in the future. Two groups at Big Sky High School, the Agriculture Education Program and the Students for Social, Economic, and the Environmental Justice (SSEEJ), are collaborating to create a salsa and flower garden. The student-run organizations hope to market their products this summer at city markets.

Daly Elementary School, Hamilton, Montana
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Daly School Community Garden, which is entering its fifth season this year, is located on the corner of school property. The garden is divided into three separate sections, with one-third of the garden reserved for rented plots, one-third as a production area for the local food bank, and the final one-third for educational purposes.

Victor School, Victor, Montana
Contact: Jill Davies, jill@sustainablelivingsystems.org

Victor school has recently built a new addition which included the construction of ten 5' x 20' beds and one 5' x 50' bed on the south and west sides of the new building. Fruit trees have already been planted, and vegetables will be planted in the spring. That makes 1,250 sq. ft. of bed space to be adopted by teachers and used as hands-on learning environments offering a rich context for exploring science, nutrition, social studies, math, art, language and writing. The school has already supplied new soil in the beds, and drip irrigation systems have been installed. The school also has a

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